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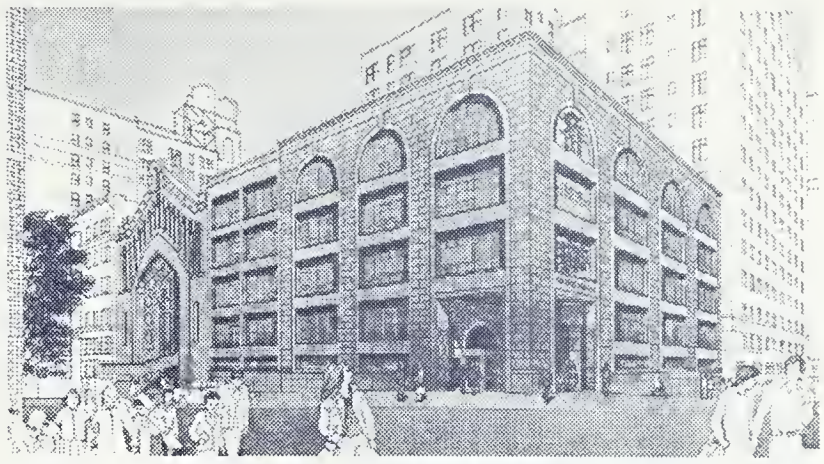

Pete Hamill To Speak Tuesday, May 20

On a cold Saturday morning in Brooklyn, during the winter of 1946-1947, Michael Devlin, an eleven year-old altar boy, the son of Irish immigrants, makes his way to his church through a raging snow storm. On the way, he meets Rabbi Judah Hirsch who had managed to escape from Nazi Europe and was now beginning to experience America. Soon, Michael becomes the Shabbos goy at Rabbi Hirsch's small synagogue, and together they learn about each other.

That spring, to the everlasting credit of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Jackie Robinson became the first African-American to play in the Major Leagues. While Rabbi Hirsch teaches Michael Yiddish and tells him legends of a Jewish Prague that has ceased to exist, Michael teaches the rabbi the esoteric rules of baseball. In the process, both discover the true significance of faith, tolerance, justice and, above all, of friendship.

This is the theme of Pete Hamill's magnificent new novel, *Snow in August*, which will be published this month by Little, Brown and Company.

On Tuesday evening, May 20th, at 7:30 P.M., Pete Hamill will read from and discuss *Snow in August* at the Park Avenue Synagogue. This special evening is a program of the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies.

One of the most prominent contemporary

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Paul S. Schreiber To Be Honored Tuesday, June 3

Park Avenue Synagogue is pleased to announce that it will honor Paul S. Schreiber, a congregant who has served our synagogue with great distinction for many years. This tribute will take place at a gala dinner to be held at Park Avenue Synagogue, for the benefit of the Jewish Theological Seminary, on Tuesday evening, June 3, 1997.

Paul Schreiber has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue for twenty years. He currently serves as vice-president of the congregation and chairs its Ritual Committee. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees and a regular weekday morning "minyannaire". In 1991, the Park Avenue Synagogue honored him as Hatan Torah for his commitment to Jewish ideals. He has been a member of the Board of Overseers of the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Mr. Schreiber has shown his concern for the greater Jewish community as a director of the American Friends of the Rambam Hospital in Haifa which bestowed upon him its Ambassador's Award. He also serves as a director of the National Multiple

Sclerosis Society, the New York Chapter.

Paul Schreiber is a partner in the law firm of Shearman and Sterling and heads its Asset Management Group. As a practicing lawyer for nearly thirty years, representing major international financial institutions and foreign and domestic investment companies, he has pioneered many international and domestic fund developments. He also has spoken and written extensively on legal matters.

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115th Annual Congregational Meeting Thursday, May 15

The 115th annual meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue congregation will take place at 7 P.M. on Thursday, May 15th. As is the custom, a buffet supper, to which the entire congregation is invited, will be served before the meeting at 6 P.M.

The Chairman of the Board, Alan Levine, will deliver the Annual Report and Rabbi David H. Lincoln will install into office the newly elected Officers of the congregation, the Board of Trustees, and the Advisory Council, as well as the officers of the various "arms" of the synagogue: Sisterhood, Men's Club, Parents' Association, Women's Evening Group and the Nursery School Parents' Association. Cantor David Lefkowitz will conduct the memorial service for those members of the congregation who passed away since last year's meeting.

A vital and vibrant Conservative congregation like the Park Avenue Synagogue needs the interest and involvement of its members in both its daily life and major events. Therefore, plan to attend this annual meeting to express your interest in and concern for *your* congregation. And, if you intend to come for supper at 6 P.M., please call the synagogue office (369-2600) to let them know you will be coming.

F R O M T H E

Rabbi's Desk

photo by David Parker

Perhaps some of you read the news item last month about Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas threatening to veto a crucial, uncontroversial bill designed to protect storm victims in his state. The Governor's objection was not to any specific provisions of the proposed law, but rather to its characterization of tornadoes, floods, etc. as "acts of God."

In a letter to legislators, the Governor suggested that the wording be changed to "natural disasters." He clarified his theological difficulty: "I have indeed witnessed many 'acts of God' but I see His actions in the miraculous sparing of life...To ascribe to God destructive and deadly force would be violating my own

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for MAY, 1997

Friday evening, May 2 ..... 6:15 P.M.

Prozdor Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Saturday morning, May 3 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Havurah Service ..... 9:15 A.M.
Tot Shabbat ..... 11:15 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Justin Emmanuel Landau
son of Audrey and Irv Landau

Friday evening, May 9 ..... 6:15 P.M.

Annual Women's Evening Group Friday Night Service
followed by a
Congregational Shabbat Dinner
(By Advance Reservation Only)

Saturday morning, May 10 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Havurah Service ..... 9:15 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Jed Matthew Resnick
Bar Mitzvah of Micah Steven Resnick
sons of Dr. Jack Resnick and Mrs. Terri Resnick

Friday evening, May 16 ..... 6:15 P.M.
Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat ..... 7:30 P.M.
Saturday morning, May 17 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Thea Brettholz
daughter of Dr. Edward and Mrs. Amy Brettholz

Friday evening, May 23 ..... 6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, May 24 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Friday evening, May 30 ..... 6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, May 31 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Julie Sara Kastenbaum
daughter of Dr. Donald and Mrs. Cindie Kastenbaum

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Elana Zaiman and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Yaacov Ephron and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Babysitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.

SATURDAY, MAY 3
RABBI JOSEPH BRODIE WILL DELIVER TWO LECTURES:

First, at the Shabbat service:
"The World of Elijah the Prophet"

Then, at lunch: "A Tale of Two Worlds: Moscow in 1978 and 1996"

(Advance reservations for lunch at $25 per person; $10 for each child under 8 are required.)

FAMILY YOM HASHOAH SERVICES
Sunday, May 4, 1997
10 to 11:30 A.M.

Guest speaker: Inge Auerbacher, author of *I Am A Star, Beyond the Yellow Star to America,* and other publications.

From the Rabbi's Desk

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conscience."

Governor Huckabee is also an ordained Baptist minister; he should know better. Isaiah (45:7) describes God as the source of "peace and the Creator of evil." In Biblical times and even in our own day, tragedy is often perceived as coming from God ("Why is God doing this to me?"). Our *Jewish* tradition requires us to acknowledge God for both the good and the bad that befall us.

There is more to religion than always feeling good about oneself and about God. Just as a child may seek out a parent's consoling embrace when s/he is punished, we must struggle with our need to turn to God for comfort and solace in times of crisis.

There is a more basic objection to the Governor's theological stance: if God is only a source of goodness, and evil emanates from another source or force, is he not on the verge of abandoning monotheistic faith? Are not natural disasters a force that is at least as powerful as Huckabee's God of Goodness? Why personalize the God of Goodness and objectify the source of evil? Is he not really speaking of two gods—a good one and a bad one?

It may be easier-and it certainly is more comforting-to ascribe only beneficence to God, but "feel-good religion" is a distorted conception of what religion is meant to be, and it is also a threat to the monotheistic ideal.

– Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern

Pete Hamill To Speak

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journalists and columnists, as well as a successful novelist and screenwriter, Pete Hamill is editor-in-chief of the New York *Daily News*. Born in Brooklyn in 1935, the son of Irish immigrant parents (like Michael in his new novel), he served in the U.S. Navy, attended Mexico City College, Pratt Institute and the School of Visual Arts. He started working at the *New York Post* in 1960, became a columnist in 1965, and, for five hilarious weeks in 1993, served as editor-in-chief during the successful effort to save that newspaper from extinction.

In the 1970's, he also worked as a columnist for the New York *Daily News* for three years, did several hitches as a columnist at the *Village Voice*, and has been a contributing editor at *New York* magazine for more than 25 years. During those years, he covered wars in Vietnam, Lebanon, Northern Ireland and Nicaragua. He reported on the great domestic disturbances of the 1960's, the anti-war movement of that era, along with more mundane stories of urban horror. He has written widely on problems afflicting American society.

In addition to his journalism, Hamill has published seven novels, the most recent of which are *Flesh and Blood* and *Loving Women*, and two collections of short stories, *The Invisible City* and *Tokyo Sketches*. His memoir, *A Drinking Life*, was published in 1993 and was on the *New York Times* best-seller list for 13 weeks. His other books include: *Tools as Art* and *Piecework*, a collection of journalism. He has been published by most major American magazines, including *Esquire*, where he remains a contributing editor, *The New York Times Magazine* and *Vanity Fair*.

All members of the congregation are invited to attend, as are all high school students. Bring your friends. Admission is free. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

Annual Women's Evening Group Friday Night Service May 9 at 6:15 P.M.

The outcries of a child of the Holocaust are echoed and recanted by the adult in Renee Fersten-Osten's book *Don't They Know the World Stopped Breathing*.

More germane than ever given Holocaust revisionism, Ms. Fersten-Osten tells of her life in a French convent, where she lived in hiding from the Nazis since the age of eight. She is a passionate spokesperson, educator and advocate in the eradication of Neo-Nazism. As a co-founder of the International/National Network Committee of the Hidden Child Foundation/ADL, she has participated in

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Paul S. Schreiber

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Paul Schreiber came to the U.S. in 1949. He attended Brooklyn Technical High School and graduated as a physics major from City College in 1963. Paul received his law degree from New York University Law School where he was an Arthur Garfield Hays Fellow. The recipient of a Ford Foundation Fellowship to study comparative and international law, he was awarded an LL.M. degree in international and corporate law in 1967, also from N.Y.U. Law School, and attended the Faculte de Droit at the Sorbonne, the law school of the University of Paris.

Paul and his wife, Joan, have two children, Douglas, an associate management consultant at Bain and Company, and Stacey, a first-year student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary and head of the Conservative movement will be one of this special evening's featured speakers.

We hope you will make every effort to show your warm regard and high esteem for Paul by attending this dinner and supporting the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is most worthy of this distinctive honor.

Barry A. Bryer will serve as the Dinner Chairman, with Geoffrey J. Colvin as the Gifts Chairman.

A cocktail hour will be held at 6 P.M., followed by the dinner at 7 P.M.

For additional information, or to make a reservation, please contact Randy Sobel at the Seminary (678-8924).

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Annual WEG Service

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numerous efforts to expose the horrors and malevolence of the Holocaust.

Please join WEG at the organization's annual Friday Night Service at 6:15 P.M. on May 9th to pray together and hear Renee Fersten-Osten's story. This promises to be an enlightening, cathartic and memorable evening.

Also, plan to attend the Congregational Shabbat Dinner, hosted by WEG, after the Shabbat service. Call the synagogue office (369-2600) to make your reservation. Cost: $25 per person; $10 each for children under 8 years of age.

Dinner Under the Stars with WEG

On Monday, May 19 at 6:30 P.M., the Women's Evening Group will host its closing event of the season, an Israeli rooftop dinner, with special entertainment. This end-of-year event will be open to all women members of the synagogue. Cost: $15 for WEG members; $18 for non-WEG members.

Schedule of Lunch & Learn Study Sessions

The schedule of remaining Lunch & Learn Study Sessions at 12 Noon on Thursdays from May through early June is as follows:

May 1 - Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern
8 - Rabbi Elana Zaiman
15 - Cantor Yaacov Ephron
22 - Cantor Yaacov Ephron
29 - Rabbi David H. Lincoln
June 5 - Cantor David Lefkowitz

Bring your **kosher dairy** brown bag lunch and participate in interesting discussions with the clergy and your fellow congregants. Coffee and tea will be provided.

"Jewish Survival Skills"

with Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern

Thursday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 28 from 5 to 5:45 P.M.

Gain the skills you need to feel comfortable with and to enable you to participate at Shabbat dinners in reciting the *Kiddush* and *Birkat Hamazon*; to accept an Aliyah, etc. Bring your tape recorder. Participants will receive materials in both Hebrew and in transliteration. Sponsored by the Parents' Association. Tuition: Free.

Classical Music Program to be Presented by Sisterhood Tuesday, May 20

Still in her mid-twenties, Tali Roth has become known as one of today's most talented and exciting Israeli classical guitarists.

Since her New York Debut in Carnegie Weill Hall in 1994, she has performed to critical acclaim throughout the United States, Europe, and Israel, including recitals at the International Guitar Festival of Israel, the Caramoor Center for Music and Arts, and the Asian Festival at Lincoln Center in New York. Ms. Roth has also played as a soloist with the Juilliard Chamber Ensemble and appeared on national television and radio broadcasts in Israel and the U.S.

She has won numerous international grants and awards, such as a four-year grant from the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, first prize in the 1985 Israeli National Guitarist Competition, and the 1993 New York Artist International Competition Award. In 1994, she was the only musician to receive sponsorship from the Academic Exchange Program of the German Government for studies with Hubert Kappel in Cologne.

Ms. Roth graduated with distinction from the Jerusalem Rubin Academy, where she studied with Joseph Urshalmi. In 1991, she won a scholarship to study with Sharon Isbin at The Juilliard School, where she earned her master of music degree in 1993. She was also a scholarship student in master classes conducted by Frank Bungarten in Lucerne, Switzerland, and Oscar Ghiglia in Siena, Italy.

She has been a faculty member of the American Institute of Guitar since 1994. Last summer, she was an assistant to Sharon Isbin at the Aspen Summer Music Festival. Future projects include a release of a CD recording of works by Israeli composer Ami Maayani.

Please join Sisterhood at 1 P.M. on Tuesday, May 20, 1997 for this wonderful musical program. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

ISRAELI DANCING AT PAS WITH CANTOR YAACOV EPHRON

THURSDAY, MAY 22 AT 8 P.M.

Bring your friends and join in the fun!
Admission is free.
Refreshments!
Sponsored by WEG and the Men's Club.

New Book by Rabbi Judah Nadich Chosen by the Jewish Book of the Month Club

The new book by Dr. Judah Nadich, rabbi emeritus of Park Avenue Synagogue, entitled *Rabbi Akiba and His Contemporaries*, has been chosen by the Jewish Book of the Month Club as its selection for a month in the early fall. Hence, its original date of publication has been moved forward to that time. Rabbi Nadich is currently working on his memoirs and on this fourth book of rabbinic legends.

New Sherr Institute Course: "The After Life – What, if anything, is in store for us?"

with Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern

Explore the Jewish viewpoints on what lies beyond in a four-week course on Thursday evenings, May 8, 22, 29 and June 5 at 8 P.M. To register, please call 369-2600, ext. 148. Tuition: Free.

Notes From the Edmond de Rothschild Library

The extensive book collection on Yom Hashoah, commemorating the Holocaust, will remain on display for the entire month of May. May 4th is Holocaust Memorial Day. All books will be available for circulation.

On May 12th, we will celebrate Israel Independence Day. Both adult and juvenile books on Israel will be available for take-out. Also available for one week circulation are video tapes on the Holocaust and Israel.

New books:

Groner: *Where is the Afikomen?*
Hegi: *Stories From the River*
Isaacs: *The Jewish Book of Numbers*
Jaffe: *The Mysterious Visitor*
Klarsfeld: *French Children of the Holocaust*
Raphael: *The Cavalier of Malaga*, donated by Ellen Harrow
Steinsaltz: *Teshuva: A Guide for the Newly Observant Jew*
Taylor: *Tales Out of School*
Yiddish Wisdom, Yiddish Chochma

The library will be closed on May 25, 26 and 31.

– Susan B. Vogelstein, Librarian

We Take Pride In

Mal Eisenberg, who will be honored by the Metropolitan New York Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, for his contributions on behalf of Park Avenue Synagogue's Men's Club, at the Metropolitan Region's 14th Annual "Man of the Year" Awards Dinner on Tuesday, May 6.

Ralph Lauren, who was honored by the Council of Fashion Designers of America which hailed him as the 1996 Menswear Designer of the Year and gave him its award.

Gideon Levin, who will be joining the 10th grade of The Solomon Schechter High School of New York. We are delighted that the grandson of Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich has chosen to seek a Jewish education at the high school level.

The Park Avenue Synagogue Employment Bank

The Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue asks you to please support the **Park Avenue Synagogue Employment Bank** to help your fellow congregants. It is a **no cost** way for congregants who have jobs available to help those looking for employment.

Please call Joe Fuhrman of the Men's Club at 988-5675 if you have a position to fill. The Men's Club looks forward to hearing from you.

Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center Applications

Member families who would like to apply to the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center for the 1998-1999 school year are asked to call the school and request an application form between May 1 and June 20, 1997. (After that date the school will be closed until mid-August.)

All children who were born before May 1, 1996 are eligible for school in September, 1998. The Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center adheres strictly to its cut-off dates. Families who have been longtime members of the synagogue are given priority. However, priority does not always guarantee acceptance because of the need to balance groups in a variety of ways.

There is an application fee of $40 per child. The application process includes a visit and tour of the school by one or both parents and a separate visit with the child.

For the September, 1997 school year there were approximately 55 openings. It will be very helpful to have some idea prior to September how many eligible member families are interested in a place for the 1998-1999 school term. This will enable us to determine how many applications from new members or non-members we will be able to accept. Thank you for your cooperation.

May Events in the Religious School

The following four events will take place in the elementary school during the month of May:

• Friday, May 2 at 6:15 P.M., the Prozdor grade will participate in the Kabbalat Shabbat Service in the Main Sanctuary. Following the service, the students and their families will enjoy a festive Shabbat dinner.

• Saturday, May 3, the Vav grade will have a parent/student "Together" program led by Rabbi Elana Zaiman. She will discuss "The Bar/Bat Mitzvah in Jewish Tradition."

• Monday and Tuesday, May 5 and 6, students will observe Yom Hashoah.

• Saturday, May 10, the Daled grade will have its third parent/student "Together" program. The topic will be Israel.

May Events in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

The following three events will take place in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School during the month of May:

• Sunday, May 4, students will observe Yom Hashoah.

• Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, the students will go on a retreat to Shelter Island where they will spend Shabbat together, participate in services, and study and play together.

• Wednesday, May 28, students will have their annual end-of-year cook-out on the roof.

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Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum Foundation Annual Event May 14

On Wednesday evening, May 14, the Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum Foundation will hold its annual Award Ceremony and Memorial Lecture at the Park Avenue Synagogue. With Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani as Honorary Chairman of the event, and Dan Rather as host, the foundation's first Bridge Builder Awards will be presented to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and his wife, Kati Marton. Ambassador Holbrooke was a chief negotiator of the Dayton Accords. Both have been active internationally in the promotion of peace and human rights.

The foundation will honor Archbishop Iakovos, former primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, with its Award for the Advancement of Interreligious Understanding.

The 1997 Memorial Lecturer will be the Honorable Haris Silajdzic, Co-Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia. He helped to negotiate the Dayton Accords and has been a strong voice for moderation and interreligious reconciliation in his war-torn country. His speech will be on: "The Consequences of Interreligious Hatred: The Case of Bosnia and its Lessons for World Peace."

Dr. Georgette Bennett, president of the foundation and Rabbi Tanenbaum's widow, will receive the Interfaith Medallion from the International Council of Christians and Jews.

Free tickets for the ceremony and lecture, which will begin at 7:00 P.M., are available at *no charge* from the Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum Foundation, 150 East 58th Street, New York, NY 10155, or by phone (758-1730/1760) or fax (758-9289). Only ticket holders will be admitted.

Lag B'Omer

Lag B'Omer occurs on the 33rd day after the second day of Passover, during the seven week *Sefira* ("counting") period between Passover and Shavuot. This year, it begins on Saturday evening, May 24th and continues on Sunday, May 25th.

Special attention is paid to Lag B'Omer because, according to the Talmud (Yevamot 62b), it was on this day that a plague that had struck down many thousands of Rabbi Akiba's students abated. Because of this event, Lag B'Omer also has been called Scholar's Day.

Seminary Newsbriefs

Israeli Writer AB Yehoshua to Speak May 5

The Jewish Theological Seminary is proud to announce that the preeminent Israeli writer AB Yehoshua, recipient of the Israeli Prize and the National Jewish Book Award, will be speaking at JTS on May 5. The evening will mark the inauguration of the Amos and Zvia Ginor Chair in Israeli Culture and Society. A revolving one-year position that will be filled by scholars from Israel who specialize in an aspect of contemporary Israel, it was created with an unexpected gift of one million dollars from assistant professor of Jewish literature Zvia Ginor.

Yehoshua, a master storyteller and one of Israel's world class novelists, lives in Haifa and teaches literature at Haifa University. His novels include: *A Late Divorce, The Lover, Mr. Mani,* and most recently, *Open Heart,* which will be published in English in May.

The lecture will begin at 7:30 P.M. and will be followed by a reception. For further information, please contact the faculty secretary by telephone (678-8966).

Gender Equity Posters

Remember those Hebrew school posters portraying women in the kitchen preparing for Shabbat and men davening in tallit and tefillin? They're still around. Well, not for long. Thanks to the Seminary's Melton Center for Research in Jewish Education and its director, Dr. Steven Brown, a set of 15 full-color posters depicting women participating fully in Jewish ritual life is soon to be published. In these posters, women recite kiddush, lead holiday services, and wear tefillin. And guess where the men are? They're in the kitchen preparing holiday meals.

A teacher's manual accompanies the posters. It offers guidance for dealing with the egalitarian and gender issues raised by the posters and includes a section to help teachers show students how to evaluate and critique the role of women depicted in existing textbooks that may be gender-biased.

Source: "Seminary Update," April, 1997

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MEN'S CLUB OUTING TO YANKEE STADIUM

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1997
7:30 P.M.

The New York Yankees vs the New York Mets
in the first regular season interleague series

Cost of tickets: $35 for Men's Club members; $40 for non-Men's Club members.

Please join the Men's Club at this historic event at Yankee Stadium. All are welcome to attend. For reservations, please call Joshua at 371-3933. A limited number of tickets are available on a first-come, first served basis.

Visit *From Home to Home:* Jewish Immigration to America

An interactive exhibition for children 7 to 12 years of age produced by the **Jewish Children's Learning Lab** in alliance with the **Board of Jewish Education** at 426 West 58th Street **through May 20**

Reservations required: call 245-8200, Ext. 300
Cost: $10 per family; $3 per person

MELAMED SINGLES PROGRAM

(for singles 25 to 49)

Dinner and Program
Wednesday, May 7 • 7:15 P.M.

Cost: $20. Please call 369-2600 for additional information or to make your reservation.

Judaica Classics

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If you make a purchase there, please mention that you are from Park Avenue Synagogue and our synagogue will benefit.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

Mr. Robert Adler, upon the death of his mother, Vivian Adler.

Mr. Lawrence Beecher, upon the death of his wife, Margery Beecher.

Mrs. Anne Gittleman, upon the death of her husband, Irwin Gittleman.

Mr. Chester Gittleman, upon the death of his father, Irwin Gittleman.

Dr. Stanley Greenwald, upon the death of his wife, Vicki Greenwald.

Mrs. Edith Jankoff, upon the death of her sister, Rhea Levinson.

Mrs. Laura Rubin, upon the death of her father, Samuel Hoffberg.

Mrs. Patricia Rudick, upon the death of her mother, Mollie Linsky Klein.

Mrs. Ilane Zivitofsky, upon the death of her mother, Brenda Silverman.

Contributions

Synagogue Offerings

Mrs. Beverly Belzer, in memory of Florence Barth Gluckman, mother of Robert Gluckman.

Mrs. Ernestine Bernstein, in memory of her father, Alexander Wolf.

Mr. Morris E. Biederman, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Anna Katz Brenner, in honor of her birthday.

Elissa & Harry Bromer, in honor of her birthday.

Elissa & Harry Bromer, in honor of their 20th anniversary.

Elissa & Harry Bromer, in honor of their daughter Logan Bromer's Bat Mitzvah.

Drs. Manfred & Matilda Brust, in honor of their first granddaughter, Kaylah Gabrielle.

Mr. Wolfe R. Charney, in memory of his father, Rabbi Aaron Reuben Charney.

Mr. Wallace Chavkin, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Barbara Delgado, in memory of her father, Morris Brownstein.

Mr. Harry A. Dubin, in memory of his wife, Juliette Dubin.

Mrs. Florence Edelstein, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Emanuel M. Feinstone, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Milton Fuchs, in memory of his mother, Lillian Fuchs.

Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, in memory of her Aunt, Estelle Kratka.

Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, in memory of her grandfather, Jacob Bayer.

Mr. Harold Geringer, in memory of his father, Nathan Geringer.

Mr. A. Stanley Gluck, in memory of his brother, Joseph Gluck.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Gluckman, in memory of his mother, Florence Barth Gluckman.

Mrs. Martha Gold, in memory of her mother, Clara Roth.

Dr. Andrew Goldberg, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her father, Hyman Gilbert.

Mr. Abraham Goll, in memory of his mother, Marcia Goll.

Mrs. Elsie Z. Goll, in memory of her mother, Rose Leviton.

Mrs. Elsie Z. Goll, in memory of her sister, Rema Goldsmith.

Mrs. Sally Goodgold, in memory of her husband, Dr. Maurice Goodgold.

Mr. & Ms. Michael Graif, in honor of their daughter, Caroline.

Mr. Charles H. Greenberg, in memory of his father, Herman Greenberg.

Mr. Paul S. Hall, in memory of his father, Jacob Hall.

Mr. Fred H. Hill, in honor of his birthday.

Dr. Basil Hyman, in memory of his mother, Mattie Hyman.

Mrs. Carol Hyman, in memory of her mother, Ann Davis.

Mrs. Carol Judelson, in memory of her mother, Fay Reinisch.

Mrs. Carol Judelson, in memory of her father, William Reinisch.

Mrs. Carol Judelson, in memory of her mother-in-law, Julia Judelson.

Mrs. Carol Judelson, in memory of her father-in-law, Allan Judelson.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Karmel, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Helen Kaufman, in memory of her husband, Irving R. Kaufman.

Stephen E. Kesselman & Allison D. Schecter, in memory of Alan Kligerman, father of Cheryl Kligerman.

Mr. Donald Kirsch, in memory of his mother, Eva Kirsch.

Ms. Joyce Kitey, in memory of her husband, Harry A. Kitey.

Mr. Samuel Kohl, in memory of his father, Morris Cohen.

Mrs. Beatrice Koren, in memory of her husband, Lester Koren.

Dennise Mortner Kranz, in memory of Ferne R. Schwarz, mother of Mark Schwarz.

Mr. Harry Krieger, in memory of his father, David Krieger.

Mr. Sidney Laifer, in celebration of the birth and naming of his great granddaughter, Isabelle.

Mrs. Joan Lefkowtiz, in memory of her father, Irving J. Mintzer.

Mrs. Leona Leon, in memory of her father, David Benjamin.

Mrs. Phyllis Leventhal, in memory of her father, Dr. Leo Braun.

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Levine

Mrs. Brigitte Lonner, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Hanna Lyttle, praying for the complete return to good health of Herman Berger.

Mrs. Hanna Lyttle, praying for the speedy return to complete health of Brandon Tartikoff.

Mrs. Ellyn Mittman, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Lawrence Mittman, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Moss, in memory of Irwin Gittleman, beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Murad, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Murad, in memory of their son, Frederick Murad.

Mrs. Violet Murad, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Marjorie Neuwirth, in memory of her father-in-law, Salomon Neuwirth.

Mr. Robert Olden, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Eric Ostrow, in memory of his father, Kenneth Ostrow.

Mr. Henry Pearce, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Pearce, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Dr. & Mrs. Leon Pordy, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Ruth Pordy, in memory of her father, Samuel Gansberg.

Mrs. Joan Robbins, in memory of her husband, Bernard Robbins.

Mrs. Ellen Roizen, in honor of her birthday.

Dr. Henry Rosberger, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Rosen, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Jeanie & Menachem Rosensaft, in honor of (and gratitude for) Rabbi David Lincoln.

Mrs. Leo Rosner

Shereen & Howard Rutman, in memory of Gladys Ronner, mother of Dr. Hilary Ronner.

Mrs. Irene Scheinman, in memory of her father, Herman Sommerfeld.

Melanie Schneider, in memory of Natalie (Nibs) Gottesman, sister of Arnold L. Sabin.

Mrs. Helen Shapiro, in memory of her brother, Sidney Lipton.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for MAY 1997

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY **Library Hours:** Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 - 6:30 P.M. Wednesdays 3:30 - 6:30 P.M. Sundays 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.		**REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM** Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M Saturday at 6 P.M.		**1** Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session 7 - 8 P.M. Beginners' Hebrew with Vivian Finkel	**2** 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Prozdor Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner Light Candles 7:35 P.M.	**3** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:15 A.M. Havurah Service Bar Mitzvah of Justin Emmanuel Landau 11:15 A.M. Tot Shabbat Luncheon & Lecture Rabbi Joseph Brodie 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
4 9 A.M. Morning Service with High School Family Yom Hashoah Services 10 to 11:30 A.M. YOM HASHOAH	**5** 8:30 A.M. - 7 P.M. Annual Camp Clothing Drive	**6** 8:30 A.M. - 7 P.M. Annual Camp Clothing Drive 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 12 Noon Sisterhood Board Meeting 1 P.M. Retirees Group 8 P.M. School Board Meeting	**7** 8:30 A.M. - 7 P.M. Annual Camp Clothing Drive 7 P.M. Sherr Institute Course: Why Be Jewish? with Rabbi Zaiman 7:15 P.M. Melamed Singles Program	**8** Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. – Beginners 10:45 A.M. – Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session 5 P.M. "Jewish Survival Skills" with Rabbi Stern 7 - 8 P.M. Beginners' Hebrew with Vivian Finkel 8 P.M. Sherr Institute Course: After Life? with Rabbi Stern	**9** 6:15 P.M. Annual WEG Friday Night Service Congregational Shabbat Dinner Light Candles 7:42 P.M.	**10** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:15 A.M. Havurah Service B'nai Mitzvah of Jed Matthew Resnick & Micah Steven Resnick 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
11	**12** **ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY** 4 P.M. Hebrew School 8 P.M. Jewish Book Discussion Group	**13** 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group 4 P.M. Hebrew School 8 P.M. Men's Club Board Meeting	**14** 7 P.M. Sherr Institute Course: Why Be Jewish? with Rabbi Zaiman Annual Tanenbaum Memorial Awards & Lecture	**15** Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session 6 P.M. 115th Annual Congregational Meeting 7 - 8 P.M. Beginners' Hebrew with Vivian Finkel	**16** 5:15 P.M. Nursery School Shabbat Dinner 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service 7:30 P.M. PAS Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat Light Candles 7:49 P.M.	**17** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Thea Brettholz 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
18	**19** 6:30 P.M. WEG Rooftop Dinner & Program	**20** 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group 7:30 P.M. Sherr Institute Program: Pete Hamill reading from his novel *Snow in August*	**21** 7 P.M. Sherr Institute Course: Why Be Jewish? with Rabbi Zaiman	**22** Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session 7 - 8 P.M. Beginners' Hebrew with Vivian Finkel 8 P.M. Sherr Institute Course: After Life? with Rabbi Stern Israeli Dance Class	**23** 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 7:55 P.M.	**24** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
25 **LAG B'OMER**	**26** **MEMORIAL DAY**	**27** 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group	**28** High School Rooftop Cookout 5 P.M. "Jewish Survival Skills" with Rabbi Stern 7 P.M. Sherr Institute Course: Why Be Jewish? with Rabbi Zaiman	**29** Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session 7 - 8 P.M. Beginners' Hebrew with Vivian Finkel 8 P.M. Sherr Institute Course: After Life? with Rabbi Stern	**30** 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 8:01 P.M.	**31** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Julie Sara Kastenbaum 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study

Synagogue Offerings

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Mrs. Sylvia Shulman, in memory of her mother, Celia H. Weinstein.

Mrs. Henrietta Silverman, in memory of her mother, Minnie Ackerman Braunstein.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Smith, in honor of their 15th anniversary.

Dr. Jeffrey R. Solomon & Ms. Audrey Weiner, in memory of Max Temel.

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Stiebel, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Ms. Mimi Sunkin, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Philip Swartz, in honor of his birth[illegible]

Mrs. Be[illegible]m, in memory of her fa[illegible]anklin.

Mrs. Jutta [illegible]ser, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Franklin Tell, in memory of his father, Benjamin Leo Tell.

Mrs. Nancy Treiger, in memory of her Aunt, Betty Rosenfeld.

Mrs. Nancy Treiger, in memory of her mother, Ann Davis.

Nancy & Ray Treiger, in honor of the birth in Israel of their granddaughter, Meital.

Mr. Israel Vainboim, in memory of his mother, Lia Vainboim.

Mr. John Veronis, in honor of his birthday.

Phyllis & Dr. Howard Weiner, in memory of her mother, Estelle Lifton.

Mrs. Nina Wexler, in honor of Rabbi Lincoln on the occasion of her 40th birthday.

Ms. Irene Winkelman, in memory of her mother, Gussie G. Winkelman.

Dr. Jo Wolkenfeld, in memory of her husband, Dr. Fred Wolkenfeld.

Mrs. Penny Zorn, in memory of her mother, Fay D. Shapiro.

Mrs. Roberta Zuckerman, in memory of her mother, Tillie Greebel.

High School Food Pantry

Mr. Mal Eisenberg, in memory of his father, Joshua Eisenberg.

Elementary School Students, PAS

Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in honor of the birth of Kaylah, granddaughter of Drs. Manfred & Matilda Brust.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis M. Karr

Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz

Mrs. Barbara Robbins, in memory of her father, David Grad.

Mr. & Mrs. Andre Sassoon

Sherwood & Marion Schwarz

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Silbert, in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Heidi Silverstone, in memory of her grandmother, Matty Tavel.

Mrs. Florence Solomon, in memory of Dorothy Weil.

Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, in honor of Purim.

Nursery School Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kline, in honor of their daughter Laura Elizabeth Kline's Baby Naming.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kline, in honor of their son Steven Henry Kline's birthday.

Sandra & Herman Rosen, Mazal Tov on the birth of Jonathan Bernard to Mr. & Mrs. Iven Walters.

Prayer Book Fund

Joanne & Morton Davis, in memory of Clara & Solomon Davis.

Anita & Stan Grey, in honor of their grandchildren, Perry Blythe Weber and Harrison James Weber.

Ms. Susan Wasserman, for her Aliyah on Shabbat Teruma.

Jacqueline & Robert Willens, in memory of Beatrice Merson.

Jacqueline & Robert Willens, in memory of David J. Mann.

(Names not listed here will appear in the next issue.)

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